ANNUAL REPORT

for the fiscal year
ending March 31, 2000

Advisory Council on Heritage Property

During the period of this report

Ministers
The Honourable Ray White
The Honourable Rodney MacDonald

To Her Honour
The Honourable Myra A. Freeman
Lieutenant-Governor of the
Province of Nova Scotia

Madam:

I have the honour to submit herewith the 19th annual report of the Advisory Council on Heritage Property, for the fiscal year concluding March 31, 2000.

Yours truly,

Rodney MacDonald

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Minister in Charge of the
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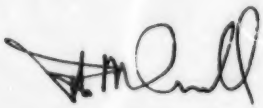
Minister in Charge of the Administration
of the Heritage Property Act
Province of Nova Scotia

Sir:

I have the privilege on behalf of the Advisory Council on Heritage Property to present our report on the work of the council for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter Crowell
Chairman

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HERITAGE PROPERTY ACT

The purpose of the Heritage Property Act is to provide for identification, designation, preservation, conservation, protection, and rehabilitation of buildings, structures, streetscapes, areas, and districts of historic, architectural, or cultural value in urban and rural areas and to encourage their continued use.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HERITAGE PROPERTY

The Advisory Council on Heritage Property was first established in 1980 under the authority of the Heritage Property Act. This is the 19th year in which the council has advised the Minister on the registration of heritage properties and other related issues.

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HERITAGE PROPERTY ACT

By order of the Governor in Council, dated 16 December 1998, the Honourable Ray White was charged with responsibility for the administration of the Heritage Property Act. On 16 August 1999, the Honourable Rodney MacDonald was charged with this responsibility.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

During 1999–2000, the following retired as members of council: Dr. Neil Boucher (Chairman), Janice Gill, and Laurent d'Entremont. Matthew Graham and Father Emery Brien both resigned from council during 1999–2000.

Other members serving during this period were Janet Maltby, Joan Watcham, William Hyde, and Fred Walsh.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

The Advisory Council is pleased to note that the following properties, which it recommended, were duly registered in 1999–2000:

- Mackey House, Ketch Harbour, Halifax County
- First United Church, Truro, Colchester County
- St. George's Anglican Church, Halifax, Halifax County
- Borden House, Grand Pré, Kings County
- LeQuille Mill, LeQuille, Annapolis County
- Minudie School Museum, Minudie, Cumberland County
- Fort Petrie, New Victoria, Cape Breton County

PROVINCIAL HERITAGE PROPERTY PLAQUES

The Advisory Council takes pleasure in noting that heritage property plaques were presented to the owners of the following provincially registered heritage properties:

- Charles Macdonald House, Centreville, Kings County
- Provincial Normal College, Truro, Colchester County
- John Logan Doggett House, Truro, Colchester County
- First United Church, Truro, Colchester County
- Mackey House, Ketch Harbour, Halifax County
- Blue Cottage, Huntington Point, Kings County
- Cole Harbour Meeting House, Cole Harbour, Halifax County
- Lawson House, Yarmouth, Yarmouth County
- James House, Bridgetown, Annapolis County

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HERITAGE PROPERTY

The Heritage Unit of the Department of Tourism and Culture provided administrative support for three meetings of the Advisory Council, held on June 14, September 16 and December 9, 1999.

GROUPS ADDRESSED AND ASSISTED

The staff of the Heritage Unit addressed or assisted 76 groups and individuals, including municipal councils, heritage advisory committees, and heritage property owners, on the Heritage Property Act and related aspects.

Staff were involved in representing the province at meetings of the International Council on Monuments and Sites, Heritage Canada, and the Association for Preservation Technology.

GRANTS

A total of 96 grants were approved under policies for the conduct of inventories, conservation plans, conservation assistance for registered heritage properties, and publications. Also, 55 Harmonized Sales Tax rebates were made.

PROVINCIAL INVENTORY

Inventory work was undertaken in five municipalities: Town of Springhill, Annapolis County, Victoria County, Argyle District, and Digby District. Approximately 450 buildings were inventoried, for a total of 14,908 buildings for which historical and architectural details have been documented.

HOME AWARDS—HISTORICAL RESTORATION

For the ninth successive year the Nova Scotia Home Awards had a category for historical restoration. This category provides awards for excellence in restoration of an older or heritage building for housing, with emphasis on historical authenticity, compatibility with existing detail and surroundings, and economic viability. The 1999 winner was Alan Creaser of Lunenburg, owner of a municipally registered heritage property.

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE BY-LAWS

As of March 31, 2000, the number of municipalities with heritage by-laws stood at 48. This includes the adoption of a by-law in the Town of Westville.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Three Heritage Conservation Districts have been established—the community of Grand Pré, located in the Municipality of the County of Kings, Maitland in the Municipality of the District of East Hants, and an area known as the Collins District in the Town of Yarmouth.